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matter it is.

The Evening World Prints Asso-
ciated Press News.

Bunco O'Brien is an apparent success
as his own steerer.

California's earthquakes are safer than
the bombshells in Paris.

The only sure way of converting An-
archists is by way of the gallows.

It seems there are world detectives who
prefer going out on a pension to going
out on patrol.

Detroit's bakers promise to strike to-
day. This is a case where a whole loaf
means no bread.

Ex-Speaker RHEED would like to declare
the previous question on a motion to re-
ject Mr. HARRISON.

Even aside from earning the State's
\$2,500 reward, it would be a good job to
catch Bunco Prince O'BRIEFS.

PLATT goes to the Albany Convention
and MILLER to Puget Sound. It is cer-
tain that voice will reign at the Sound.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN will go into farce
comedy. This will give him opportunity
in his comic moments to cultivate a
hoarse laugh.

WANAMAKER's view of Civil Service
Reform rules seems to be that they are all
right until they threaten interference
with Republican political conveniences.

The House at Washington will kindly
take notice that the country doesn't care
one iota about Mr. WALKER's speech as it
appears in the *World*, and that it con-
siders as an utter waste of its valuable
time every moment taken up with this
matter.

Much of GRANT's strength was due to
his simplicity and directness of utterance
and purpose. It is fitting that the exer-
cises at to-morrow's beginning of the
great memorial to the dead hero should
be both simple and direct.

Some correspondent hints that Pres-
ident HARRISON, coming to New York to
lay the cornerstone of the Grant Mon-
ument, will also look around a little to see
if the Empire State is safe. Is it possible
that he has failed to read the countless
returns of its saying?

A precedent worth following in other
sections of the country was set by the
passenger who beat a gang of robbers off
from a train in Kansas yesterday. But
there might be an amendment in subse-
quent cases, so that if the robbers had
mainly escaped fewer of them shall carry
whole skins.

The latest outrage of the Paris An-
archists tends to show that the authorities
do not fully appreciate the boldness of the
desperate criminals with whom they have
to deal or the extent of the danger that
threatens the city. It is evident that a
stronger police is needed in Paris to
spread terror among the Anarchists.
There should be no mercy for such
wretches until their deeds of wanton
cruelty and destruction cease.

If printed report is true, Mr. MANN-
LAND has had the next thing to a personal
explosion. The story told in type is
that the ex-owner and defendant in
Eleventh District case was cordially
buttonholed by Prince BOISSOU in the
Fifth Avenue Hotel, and thus confirming
message whispered into his ear. "Look
here, Miss, the old man would give you
that job back again, only it might look as
if he was bidding for your vote, at the
Convention. See?" It may be that this
plaintive whisper reached "Miss" heart
and proved a real bait in GIBSON. He is
spared the pain of appearing to the pub-
lic as one for whose vote in the Conven-
tion there is a highest bidder.

CATCH THE POINT?

All glory to the McALISTER! Jealousy
and disappointed ambition have showered
their wrath on his semi-venerable head,
and severe have been the denunciations
heaped upon him by those whose names
have been ruthlessly expunged by the
sweep of his hand from the glorious list
of exclusive upper-tendon. He has been
branded as heartless by the fair-minded,
and "written down an ass" by the im-
placable men. But his stern decrees have
been prompted by a sense of duty, and if
he has seemed cruel it is only because he
had been.

Now comes to the autocrat of fashion
an opportunity to prove the kindness of
the best in the city. Charming man!

his heart and the correctness of his judgment. Mr. FREDERICK H. ALLEN, who has the alphabetical honor of heading the famous One Hundred and Forty-niners, having lost his heart to a beautiful young lady whose name is not found in the favored list, the McALISTER has investigated the matter and decides that the marriage can take place. The fiancee, he declares, belongs to good society, has wealth and is qualified to become the bride of one of the exclusives. So he generously grants a dispensation, and the happy head of the McALISTER list is at liberty to lead his chosen life, rather than the altar.

WILLIAM ASTOR'S DEATH.

The sudden death of Mr. WILLIAM ASTOR in Paris is a sad follower of the painful scandal which had embittered the latter days of the millionaire's life, and doubtless hastened its close. It is well known that the parents of Mrs. DRAVON, the deceased and his wife, felt keenly their daughter's disgrace, and that their most earnest efforts had long been directed towards the concealment of the story connecting her name with that of BONHOMME. They had striven to prevent Mrs. DRAVON from seeing or communicating with that person, and the publication of the DRAVON-BONHOMME correspondence, coupled with the contemptible exhibitions subsequently made by BONHOMME and his blackguard associates, was a severe and cruel blow to them.

The return of BONHOMME to Europe and the buffoonery of the sham duel with FOX served to keep the scandal before the public, and we can be no doubt that it hastened Mr. Astor's death.

It is to be hoped that the shameful
character and the characterless buffoons who
have figured in it, will be hidden forever
from public view by the tragic character
of the consequences of the scandal.

Such approval is expressed over the fact
that the trial has been, and that the spectators
can see the start, the middle of the
case and the finish.

It is good to note the decline of the pocket-
book, which will now go into a pocket of
size.

Lady HENRY SOMERSSET, editor of the *Paris*
Signal, the organ of the W.C.T.U., is writing a
series of "Recollections of Noted Men and
Women." Lord SHAKESPEARE and Elizabeth
Barrett Browning have been put in print.

It is to be extenuated as a kind of
trimmings. The Spanish kind is quite out
of date. We shall have to rely now almost
entirely on chantilly, into which novel and
curious effects are introduced, such as
shepherdesses, with crooks and hats; trees
with the Renaissance palings, known as the
"Byzantine" pattern. Cherries, apples,
bluebirds and fans are also introduced; and
for ruchings, a plain net has been brought
out with a vandyke silk edge.

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black lace, which bids fair to be a potent
rival of the feed-sack lace, and is most
effective, both in white and black. Guipures
of all kinds, with and without wire grounds,
and combinations of corn and white lace
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offense.

THE HEART AND THE WOODEN LEG.
A Massachusetts girl discovered that
her accepted suitor had wooden leg
and forthwith told him to "shake the day
dearly," as the Fourth Ward girl
would have eloquently put it, or in the
expressive idioms of the upper part of town,
"take a long walk."

He went, but he returned, and every
thump of his lignous limb as he hobbled
towards the home of his ex-fiancee was a
death-knell for the poor girl. For instead
of going and sitting down in some silent
shade and whittling his initials on his wooden
leg, she had a son with a pair of heart
strings gather that can keenly feel
the pain of separation.

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THE NEW EXCISE BOARD.
In the report of Dr. HENRY M. LEIPZIGER,
Superintendent of Public Schools, concerning the free evening
lectures given in public school buildings
of the city during the past school year
THE EVENING WORLD finds material for
special gratification. It was through the
efforts of THE EVENING WORLD that the
free lecture system was introduced, three
years ago, and its establishment as a
feature of the educational work in the
city this paper regards as one of its best
and greatest accomplishments.

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The growth of interest in the lectures
has been remarkable. For the year just
past the people who attended them
reached a total of 122,243, as against 78,
353 for the preceding season. Such a
small audience was unknown, and the attractiveness
of the instruction offered in the course more
than kept pace with the growth of the
attendance. Experience has taught those
in charge not only new ways of inspiring
elevating and educating thoughts at the
period of lecture delivery, but methods
by which the after investigation of practical
subjects and suggestions may be prompted.

Dr. LEIPZIGER says in his report: "I
think it can safely be said that the free
lecture course is a most valuable part
of our educational system. It has already
stimulated much mental activity, as is
shown by the fact that the circulation in
several of our free libraries has increased
as a consequence of these lectures."

Thomas PROSTKEY, the complainant, averred
that on April 2 he and the prisoner, who had
been running together, went out to have a
good time. PROSTKEY had told, "He drinks
too much, and Goodman, he argues, who was
sober, is not fit to drink with him." Goodman
had a short speech to PROSTKEY, and the
two then went to a saloon. There they
drank until 12 o'clock, when they left
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